

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) A golf ball, comprising two equatorial continuous o-rings printed on the ball, the o-rings being spaced close to but equidistant apart from an equator of the ball, and markings printed in the polar regions of the ball, wherein an axis connecting the polar markings is perpendicular to the equatorial o-rings and the polar markings are essentially invisible to a golfer when the equatorial o-rings are directed at a target and the golfer's eyes are directly over the ball, whereby the movement of the o-rings when a ball is rolling indicates whether or not a ball has been squarely struck, the polar markings being sufficiently large so that they become visible to the golfer if side spin is imparted to the ball, with the extent of visibility of the polar markings indicating the amount of side spin imparted to the ball.

2. (Previously presented) A golf ball according to claim 1, wherein the marking printed in each polar region is a continuous o-ring parallel to the two equatorial o-rings.

3. (Withdrawn) A golf ball according to claim 1, wherein the marking printed in the polar regions comprises a pair of solid lobes extending in opposite directions, the polar lobes being essentially invisible to a golfer when aligning a putt, when the ball is properly aimed along its desired starting line.

4. (Withdrawn) A golf ball according to claim 3, wherein the patterns printed in the polar regions are offset from each other by 90°.

5. (Withdrawn) For use with a golf ball according to claim 1, a putter including an upper central region simulating the cover of a golf ball and two marking lines printed on the surface of said central region and adapted to align with the equatorial o-rings of the golf ball.

6. (Withdrawn) A putter according to claim 5, wherein the lines printed on the central region of the putter converge from the back of the putter toward the front.

7. (Withdrawn) A putter according to claim 6, wherein the upper central region of the putter is shaped with converging edges which line up with the polar markings of the golf ball.

8. (Withdrawn) A putter according to claim 7, wherein the putter includes areas adjoining said central region, said areas containing a surface coating simulating grass.

9. (Withdrawn) A putter according to claim 5, wherein a top tray insert forms said upper central region, said top tray insert being secured to the putter and including a vertical surface adapted to contact the golf ball during the putting stroke.

10. (Withdrawn) A putter according to claim 9, wherein the lines printed on the top tray insert converge from the back of the putter toward the front.

11. (Withdrawn) A putter according to claim 10, wherein the top tray insert includes converging side edges which line up with the polar markings of the golf ball.

12. (Withdrawn) A putter according to claim 11, wherein the putter includes areas adjoining said top tray insert, said areas containing a surface coating simulating grass.

13. (Currently amended) A golf ball according to claim 2, wherein the two equatorial continuous o-rings surround but do not mark the equator and the polar markings comprise rings which surround but do not mark the poleseuator and ~~opposite poles of the ball include no markings.~~